

We've got some new anglers participating now, and our participation is increasing which means longer weigh-ins. So I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of the rules.

RULES:

1. Boats must be launched and registered no later than 15 minutes prior to tourney start.
2. Bass must be kept alive in a livewell or large cooler. Livewell water must be refreshed frequently. PR&GA boat middle seat livewells ARE NOT acceptable.
3. Bass must be a minimum length of 12 inches to qualify.
4. A dead or dying bass, of legal length (>12 inches), may not be culled or discarded.
5. Total weight of 8 largest bass per boat will count toward standings.
6. Outboard motors are not allowed to make a wake (or exceed 5 mph).
7. Must be back at the weigh-in sight no later than the tourney conclusion time.
 - 1 Pound Penalty assessed for fishing or not being in sight of the ramp after tourney conclusion time hrs
 - 1 Pound Penalty for speeding (making a wake) per discretion of the tourney director
 - 1 Pound Penalty assessed for weighing in a short fish
 - 1 Pound Penalty for bringing more than 8 fish to the scales
 - Dead bass counts for half its weight 8. Only one line in the water, per fisherman, at any time.
9. NJ Fishing License and Picatinny Fishing Permit required.
10. NJ rules and regulations apply.

I just added this one to the list - "1 Pound Penalty for bringing more than 8 fish to the scales" , even though we have discussed it before. In fairness to the fish, which are stressed enough when there is 8 bass in your livewell, and the other fishermen, who have to take the time on the water to manage their livewell and cull their fish, you should NEVER have more than 8 fish in your livewell at any time. In the pros this would mean a disqualification. Secondly, we can't afford the extra time at the weigh-in for people to cull their fish at the scales.

Related to this - everyone should seriously consider getting or making a set of culling clips. I've seen these tourneys won or lost on mere hundredths of a pound. You will find it will help you manage your creel during the tourney if you get more than 8 fish; AND it will help you identify your lunger. Even if you just mark you small fish and your lunger it will help you save time. In the future everyone should have their lunger marked when they come up to the scales. This will also save valuable time at the weigh-in, and increase our chances of releasing the fish in good condition.

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